

looking for the answer. I think he is really trying to find the answer.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Higgins, I think, as I read the statute, that the Supreme Court does not make the appointment and I think that the committee statement is not correct on that subject. As I read the bill and as I read the committee amendments, I think you are correct that the clerk magistrates are appointed by the county judge, or the judges if they are going to serve more than one county, and that they serve at the pleasure of the county judges but they are subject to personnel rules adopted by the Supreme Court.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Right. But the committee statement says the title will be changed, they will be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Supreme Court. So you are saying that the committee statement is incorrect...

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...that they still will be appointed by the county judge or judges and they will serve at the pleasure of the county judge or judges. Your committee amendments are not taking that away from county judges?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: That is correct. The committee amendments are not doing that and the committee statement is correct only in the extent that being subject to personnel rules adopted by the Supreme Court means serving at the pleasure of the Supreme Court, and I don't think that they will mean that literally. So you are correct.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, the law usually is literal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And then all these committee amendments, you are adding actually how many new sections to the bill by amendment?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Now, we have the committee amendments pending and then we also have some amendments that I am going to offer in a moment and we are not...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Are these your sections of the amendment?